

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed June 1, 2004 has been reviewed and the comments of the Patent and Trademark Office have been considered. Claims 1-11 and 14-22 were pending in the application. Claims 1 and 14 have been amended and no claims have been canceled or newly added. Therefore, claims 1-11 and 14-22 are pending in the application and submitted for reconsideration.

The specification has been amended to correct a minor informality to address the issue noted in the Office Action.

Applicants sincerely thank the examiner for indicating that all the pending claims recite patentable subject matter.

This amendment changes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination in the application, are presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

Claims 1 and 14 have been amended to correct minor informalities noted in paragraph 1 of the Office Action.



Applicants believe that the application is now in condition for allowance in accordance with the indications in the Office Action. If there are any questions regarding the application, or if an examiner's amendment would facilitate the allowance of one or more of the claims, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the local telephone number below.

Should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper, or if a petition for extension of time is required for timely acceptance of same, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account No. 19-0741 for any such fees; and applicants hereby petition for any needed extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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